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This is in reply to your letter of 23 June 1987 to Mr. William Webster, which was referred to this office for response under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). You requested information on the OSS activities of Dr. William Montgomery McGovern.

For your information, for several years we have been systematically reviewing all of our OSS holdings, with a view to turning as much as possible over to the National Archives in Washington, DC, for permanent retention. We have already handed over more than twenty-six hundred cubic feet of records, and we hope to be able to complete the review in 1987. Therefore you should contact the Archives directly, since the records you want probably will have been accessioned to Archives before your request could be processed by CIA. Those portions of OSS records held by Archives, but withheld from the public because they still contain classified material, are subject to the mandatory review provisions of Executive Order 12356. Major portions of this material were obtained from foreign government sources and retain their classification despite their age.

The OSS records are in the custody of:

Modern Military Branch
Military Archives Division
National Archives and Records Administration
Room 13W, Archives Building
7th and Pennsylvania Ave., N.W.
Washington, DC 20408

As of this date, the CIA has turned over almost all of the OSS files to the National Archives for retention. We are maintaining only staff personnel and finance files; all of the operational files -- which would be of interest to you -- are now available at the above location. The individual personnel files contain administrative material only; they do not identify those OSS activities in which that person was a participant.

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We hope that the above is of some assistance to you. Your access to the OSS files should be greatly improved by this transfer since you can now arrange to conduct your own research and need not rely on third party searches. Thank you for your interest.

Sincerely,

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